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SUBJECT: "COMET PLAN" FORGERY

REF: STATE 230765

1. "COMET PLAN" IS A CRUDE AND OBVIOUS FORGERY. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT NOT ONLY IS APPLING MENTIONED IN A SEPTEMBER 22 DOCUMENT MANY MONTHS AFTER HE LEFT SAIGON FOR ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT BUT GEORGE GILMORE, AID EMPLOYEE, WHO LEFT EVEN BEFORE APPLING, IS NAMED AS WELL. ALSO, LEHMANN IS LISTED AMONG THE CONSGEN LONG AFTER HE HAD BEEN REASSIGNED TO SAIGON. THE WHOLE TONE OF THE DOCUMENT IS PHONEY. IT READS LIKE NEITHER A VIETNAMESE OR AMERICAN DOCUMENT.

2. THE "PLAN" FIRST WAS DRAWN TO OUR ATTENTION BY AN AMERICAN NEWSMAN WHO WAS SHOWN IT BY ACTIVIST DEPUTY NGUYEN VAN BINH, MEMBER OF FATHER THANH'S ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVEMENT. DOCUMENT HAD BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FOREIGN PRESS. HAS ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN TOWN, AND HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN LOCAL PRESS. ALTHOUGH EVERY FOREIGN JOURNALIST IN SAIGON HAS EITHER SEEN THE DOCUMENT OR LEARNED OF ITS EXISTENCE AND CONTENT, NOT ONE RPT NOT ONE HAS FILED A STORY ON IT. WE DOUBT THAT MR. ANDERSON WOULD WANT TO USE A STORY WHICH NO NEWSMAN IN VIETNAM HA BOTHERED TO TOUCH.

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3. THE DOCUMENT,BEING A PREPOSTEROUS AND TRANSPARENT FORGERY
AND DISMISSED AS SUCH BY ALL OBSERVERS HERE, WE DID NOT REPORT
BY TELEGRAM BUT HAVE AIRGRAM IN PREPARATION.
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